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Reply to Office Action of September 6, 2006
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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-11, and 13-16 are pending in the application. These claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as lacking the limitations of claims 3 and 11 which would provide proper antecedent basis for
5 "the weighting vectors". The Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if amended to overcome this rejection.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and for pointing out this deficiency in the previous amendment.


Accordingly, Applicant has amended the independent claims to include
10 the limitations of either claim 3 or 11 and cancelled claims 3 and 11, as suggested by the Examiner, which places the application in a condition for allowance. In the event that issues remain with this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to resolve them.

CONCLUSION

15 Inasmuch as each of the objections and rejections have been overcome by the amendments, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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